



THE WOODROW WILSON FOUNDATION

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Dear Mr. Bulles:

Upon the approach of the 100th Anniversary, in 1956, of the birth of Woodrow Wilson, the Woodrow Wilson Foundation has assumed the major responsibility of stimulating and coordinating the plans for the observance of the Centennial.

The Board of Directors is in the process of establishing a National Citizens Committee. This Committee will contain the present Board as members and will have added leading citizens and representatives of organizations and educational institutions throughout the country. Among these are the Woodrow Wilson Birthplace Foundation, the Virginia State Centennial Commission, the Washington Cathedral and the Woodrow Wilson Centennial Celebration Commission, recently authorized by Congress and appointed by the President.

On behalf of the Directors, I have the honor and the pleasure of inviting you to be a member of the National Citizens Committee. Under its aegis the various programs will be coordinated and many new ones stimulated. Your wide experience in national and international affairs and your allegiance to the Wilson principles of liberty through constitutional processes and peace through collective security will be invaluable in sponsoring the Anniversary programs. We hope we may be able to call on you individually for advice.

In forming the Foundation's own plans for the Centennial, it seemed that the Theme: **FREEDOM FOR MAN - A WORLD SAFE FOR MANKIND** embodies the principles and ideals of Wilson and would serve as a stimulating focal point for commemorative programs. With this in mind, the Foundation will assist organizations, educational institutions and the general public by providing printed aids, books, films and other materials.

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"Freedom for Man - A World Safe for Mankind."

Announcement of the Theme, the Centennial plans and the National Citizens Committee will be made at a reception at Woodrow Wilson House on May 25th. At this time, the Directors hope to greet the members of the Committee, as well as the newly-elected members of the Board and other distinguished guests.

We hope, therefore, that we may hear from you as soon as possible and that you will join us in re-examining the impact of Wilson's ideas today.

Yours sincerely,

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